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1. SECRETARY GENERAL'S APPEAL CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF UN ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH ASIA REPATRIATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY DEPT. WE ARE CONCERNED BY APPARENT DUPLICATION IN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PROPOSED PROGRAM. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS GIVEN UNHCR RESPONSIBILITY FOR "TRANSPORTATION" OF LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE COVERED BY DELHI AGREEMENT. SIR ROBERT JACKSON HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO EXAMINE "REHABILITATION" ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS TO COORDINATE "REPATRIATION, RESETTLEMENT AND DISASTER RELIEF" AT UN HEADQUARTERS.

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2. WORDING OF SYG STATEMENT LEAVES ROOM FOR VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF SIR ROBERT'S ROLE. HOW WILL HIS REPATRIATION DUTIES MESH WITH UNHCR'S TRANSPORTATION FUNCTION? WHERE DOES SIR ROBERT'S COORDINATION OF DISASTER RELIEF LEAVE THE UN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR (WHO WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR ECOSOC SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 17). WILL SIR ROBERT BE ABLE TO KEEP ROLE AS UNROB HEAD SEPARATE FROM RESETTLEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES?

3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT MOST EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION-

AL STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO UNHCR, THE UN AGENCY WHICH CARRIED THROUGH SUCCESSFUL SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM DURING 1971-2 HOSTILITIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION RAISING POINTS WITH SIR ROBERT AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY. RUSH

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